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Allen Fiksdal
EFSEC Manager
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Re: Sumas Energy 2 generation plant

Dear Mr. Fiksdal:

I am writing to protest the construction of the Sumas Energy 2 natural gas fired generation plant in Sumas, WA.

This plant will emit more than 200 tons of nitrous oxide, 100 tons of ammonia, 200 tons of particulate matter, 90 tons of carbon monoxide per year and 2.16 million tons of carbon dioxide per year. This is no small project and these calculations do not take into consideration the accumulative or residual effects of these emissions.

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I believe that the DEIS document prepared for the application with the energy board – EFSAC has many huge gaps and some very erroneous statements as to the human health effects. The area north east of this plant, which is where these emissions will go, is known to have the worst air quality in Canada. As well this plant will draw huge amounts of valuable water from the Sumas/Abbotsford aquifer, which will eventually reduce the levels of the farm wells. As to the possibility of the transmission lines going north into Canada, this is just no something that I as a citizen of Abbotsford want to accept. These lines will have a serious effect on our health and economic climate. This does not even address the contaminates that will be in the effluent coming from the plant.

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This project was outvoted in Sumas – if the people there didn't want it, why would we? The smog and haze is getting so bad that I can't even see the nearby mountains on a sunny day. I do not wish to see this project go ahead and urge you to use your powers and persuasion to put an end to this proposal. Please listen to the citizens that will be most affected by this plant.

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Sincerely,

Patricia Goertzen
Abbotsford Resident